

“BRINGING BUSINESS BACK HOME”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to All!

It is very disappointing to me that we still cannot have any in-person meetings.

This is the month where I start listing the planned “Meet & Greets” the Kenmore Chamber would have scheduled for the upcoming year, but due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we still are holding off on these fun networking events until further notice. Today the Governor of Ohio announced that some large gatherings, like sporting events, can begin to reopen, but at only 30% capacity. We are getting closer to a return to normalcy, but we will still have to be patient until we can socialize in-depth again.

One event that could not wait was the presentation of the McCutchan Award. Every year since 1997 the Kenmore Chamber of Commerce has given this award to a Chamber member who “...has done many things for the Kenmore Community and asked for nothing in return.” It is usually given at our December holiday party, but there was no holiday party last year. So instead it was presented at the place of business of the deserving winner.

This year the McCutchan Award went to Jeffrey Vujevich of **Freedom Tax Service**. Jeffrey does a lot of volunteer work at the **Kenmore Neighborhood Alliance** and **The Church on the Boulevard** (both KCOC members), and he is always there to help with all the special events organized for Kenmore Boulevard. And he has hosted some of the best “Meet & Greets” in the past. Thank you Jeffrey!

Our next networking event? The Kenmore Chamber promises a big one sometime this late fall, if all goes well.

Thank you for listening, and please be safe!

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Jeffrey Vujevich (center) Receives the McCutchan Award
(see the presentation on the Kenmore Chamber FaceBook page)



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FedEx \$250K Small Business Grant Contest

FedEx is hosting their 9th Annual FedEx Small Business Grant Contest, and will award 12 inspiring, innovative businesses with prize packages totaling more than \$250,000.

Now more than ever small businesses need everyone's support to get through these difficult times. FedEx is committing to provide grants for small businesses in the U.S. The 2021 FedEx Small Business Grant Contest is now open, with entries due by March 9th.

Members can apply through March 9th by going to the FedEx web site at <https://www.fedex.com/en-us/small-business/grant-contest.html>. Once at this page, entry rules will be provided.



KBOT FLASHBACK



10 Years Ago - March 2011

- ⊕ **David E. Culbertson**, President
- ⊕ This month's luncheon guest speaker was John O. Moore, Directory of Planning & Urban Development for city of Akron.

15 Years Ago - March 2006

- ⊕ **Scott M. Smith**, President
- ⊕ This was the last luncheon at The Hibernians Club, as they plan to close their building.

20 Years Ago - March 2001

- ⊕ **Jeff Scott**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

25 Years Ago - March 1996

- ⊕ **Rich Masterson**, President
- ⊕ Guest speaker - Mark Albrecht, Economic Development Manager for the City of Akron.
- ⊕ The Board prepares to man a booth at the Business Expo at the Knight Center.

30 Years Ago - March 1991

- ⊕ **Judith Rosenberg**, President
- ⊕ No information available.

35 Years Ago - March 1986

- ⊕ **Warren Ferrell**, President
- ⊕ Councilman Don Brode gave an update on the proposed Senior Center, to be built either in Prentiss Park, or next to Innes Middle School, or next to Heminger Elementary School (this was the final choice).

40 Years Ago - March 1981

- ⊕ **Don Jackson**, President
- ⊕ Plans were discussed for the Fourth Annual Olde Tyme Kenmore Festival, including chair-persons for the parade and the beauty contest.

Identity Theft / Unemployment Update from ODJFS

Peter Young - PPS TPA Services

Unemployment fraud has been a challenge for employers nationwide. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services appreciates your efforts to report it to us, so we can stop payment and take other needed actions. This week, we updated the information for employers on our website to clarify the steps employers should follow if they or their employees are affected:

Step One: Report Identity Theft to ODJFS through the website or hotline. Complete this secure online form or call 833-658-0394. If you use the online form, you will be prompted to download an Excel template, enter the requested data in the template, and upload the file as instructed.

Step Two: Continue to respond to any "Request for Separation Information" notices that you receive from the ODJFS.

Step Three: Share resources with your employees. Please share the resources for individuals on this website with the employees at your organization. As a reminder, you can access the online reporting portal, identity theft resources, and frequently asked questions and answers at unemployment.ohio.gov, by clicking on the red "Report Identity Theft" button.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW KCOC MEMBERS!

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